

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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SICKNESS IN SSI
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of small scale units fallen sick in the country as on March 31, 2000, State-wise particularly in Orissa;
- (b) the efforts made to revive any of these units; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): As per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of sick small scale industries as at the end of March, 1999 was 3,06,221. The State-wise data including Orissa State on sick small scale industries as at the end of March, 1999 are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries, which inter alia, includes institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State financial institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. The status with regard to the potentially viable units and those put under nursing is also given in the Annexure.